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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 8, line 14, please replace "Figure 3 is a cross-sectional view of a first exemplary embodiment of the present invention that includes a prism as a light transfer medium;

Figure 4 is a cross-sectional view of a second exemplary embodiment of the present invention that includes a chamber filler as a light transfer medium;

Figure 5 is a cross-sectional view of a third exemplary embodiment of the present invention that includes a chamber filler and a glass plate as light transfer media;

Figure 6A is a cross-sectional view of an exemplary embodiment of the present invention that includes an optical receiver;

Figure 6B is a cross-sectional view of an exemplary embodiment of the present invention that includes an optical receiver and a mirror;

Figure 7A is a top-down view of an exemplary embodiment of the present invention that is suited for bi-directional optical communication;